



# Summer in the City

A visit to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park this summer is a great way to beat the heat or bask in the famous fog that rolls in through the Golden Gate. It is also the perfect place to learn about Pacific Coast maritime history. Located right on the water’s edge, the park offers a stunning variety of activities to please a frequent visitor or those just discovering the park.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS SUMMER SEASON

Photos clockwise from top left:

**FOURTH OF JULY**  
Celebrate the 4th of July at Hyde Street Pier. Enjoy the pier, visitor center and museum during the day, then as evening approaches, stake out a seat on the bleachers in the Aquatic Park Historic District for a first-class view of an amazing fireworks display.

**FUN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
Throughout the summer Park Rangers and interpretive staff conduct a variety of programs. Adults and children can get a feel for the life of a sailor by engaging in hands-on demonstrations such as turning a capstan while singing a sea chantey. See page three for program descriptions.

**MARITIME PUPPET SHOW**  
During July and August (July 10 through August 15) stop by Hyde Street Pier on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and join Inge and her motley crew of wisecracking puppets. Kids will learn and parents will laugh as the show sails through seafaring (and San Francisco) history.



**FAMILY SHIPBOARD THEATER: “Two Years Before the Mast.”**  
In 1834, Richard Henry Dana dared to voyage from staid Boston to the rough-and-ready Pacific Coast. This summer, acclaimed actor Jeffrey Paul Whitman brings that adventure back to life at Hyde Street Pier with a captivating one-man performance aboard the 1886 sailing ship *Balclutha*. Whitman takes Dana from greenhorn to experienced sailor, and transports the audience back to the days when all a young man needed for adventure was a steady ship and a star to steer her by. See page three for details.

## Welcome!

Summer in the City! There is no better place to experience San Francisco’s maritime past than San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. We have many new programs and activities this summer to help bring that history alive for you and your family.

In our Visitor Center, at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets, a new exhibit, produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Tide Station, the oldest, continually-running station in the country. While you’re there, please take one last look at the stunning images of contemporary maritime industry in the “Deepwater Steel” exhibit by Stockton artist Steve Pereira.

Across the street on Hyde Street Pier, there will be nighttime theater aboard the *Balclutha* during the month of July and a maritime puppet show on weekends in July and August. Also, beginning in September, be sure and catch the performances of talented singers and musicians during our annual Sea Music concert series.

The Maritime Museum, at the foot of Polk Street, and just two blocks from the pier, contains murals, ship models, interactive exhibits, and demonstrations of a WWII Victory ship radio. Families can borrow a Sailor’s Ditty Bag and enjoy a fun group voyage as they navigate through the exhibits learning about communication and life at sea.

Have a great summer and enjoy your national park!

Kate Richardson  
Superintendent

## 1 Summer in the City

Discover or rediscover the pleasures of the San Francisco Bay shoreline. The park offers an array of activities to delight and educate visitors of all ages.

## 2 Sea Music Concert Series

Now in its 16th year, the Park’s Sea music Concert Series continues aboard the National Historic Landmark vessel *Balclutha* at Hyde Street Pier.

## 4 Boatload of Maritime Activities for Children

Sailors’ crafts, traditional music, puppet shows and a shipshape Junior Ranger Program—it may be fun for all ages, but this stuff is strictly for kids!

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**San Francisco Maritime  
National Historical Park**

Established in 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park encompasses only 34 acres, but contains the most national historic landmarks of any unit in the National Park Service. In addition to the fleet of ships at Hyde Street Pier, the park includes the Aquatic Park Historic District (Maritime Museum, urban beach, picnic area and bocce ball courts), a Visitor Center and a research library (in Fort Mason Center).

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Correction to Vol. 4: The check that Mr. Bleicher presented to the Library Friends was from the disbanded San Francisco Society of Marine Arbitrators.

# Sea Music Concert Series 2004 Lineup

Experience driving chants, elegant instrumentals and delicate harmonies reverberating from the wooden decks of our historic fleet. The park again hosts four evening concerts featuring internationally-renowned performers for rare evenings of sailors’ songs, sweet ballads and working chanteys.

Now in its sixteenth year, the park’s Sea Music Concert series has become a San Francisco music tradition. These performances keep a vital musical legacy alive for the next generation.

This year’s lineup begins with **Jerry Bryant** (Friday, 9/10, 8:00pm, \$16), who will perform a special Patrick O’Brian night of Napoleonic era British naval songs, many from his recent CD, “Roast Beef of Old England.”



Jerry Bryant

In October, **John Conolly** (Saturday, 10/23, 8:00pm, \$16), a singer and songwriter from England, and composer of the notable song “Fiddler’s Green,” will perform accompanied by **Pete Sumner** on the mandolin.

One of Ireland’s most well-known folk-singers, **Robbie O’Connell** (Saturday, 11/20, 8:00pm, \$16), will perform in November. O’Connell has been described as a songwriter of timeless-sounding, emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs.

Local heroes **Dick Holdstock** and **Allan Macleod** (Friday, 12/10, 8:00pm, \$16) have been delighting international audiences with songs of their native England and Scotland for over twenty-five years. We are proud to have them return to the *Balclutha* for this year’s series finale.

All concerts are presented at 8:00pm at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park aboard the historic vessel *Balclutha* moored at Hyde Street Pier at Fisherman’s Wharf. Tickets for each performance are \$16. (Park Association members pay \$14.) A money-saving season ticket is also available for \$45. For tickets call 415-561-6662 or contact the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association at P. O. Box 470310, San Francisco, CA 94147-0310. Tickets are also available at the Maritime Store, 2905 Hyde Street, 415-775-2665.



John Conolly (right) and Pete Sumner (left)



Robbie O’Connell



Dick Holdstock (right) and Allan Macleod (left)

## Online Research

Over 19,000 catalog records of Park museum objects and archival collections can be accessed on the National Park Service Web Catalog ([www.museum.nps.gov](http://www.museum.nps.gov)). Brief entries provide the object name (or collection title), catalog number and a digital image (when available). The Park’s library collections can be searched as part of the NPS library catalog ([www.library.nps.gov](http://www.library.nps.gov)). The Park has also uploaded a number of finding aids (guides to collections) to the Online Archive of California database ([www.oac.cdlib.org/](http://www.oac.cdlib.org/)), which provides access to finding aids posted by all California repositories.



Every fourth Saturday of the month at the Museum, Park Service docents remove the Plexiglas cover from a huge radio that once operated aboard a World War II Victory ship named the *Rider Victory*. Using Morse code, they can communicate with other radio operators around the country and will send a real radiogram message for you anywhere in the United States. They interpret both the pioneering technology and the essential role that the radio operator played. All is demonstrated inside a replica radio room that even has a slanted floor and ceiling like the real ship. The radio room is a key feature of the “Sparks Waves, and Wizards” exhibit which explores the history of radio communications at sea using early shipboard radio artifacts and hands-on interactives. NPS photo.

## New Exhibit

A tidal gauge was installed by the U. S. Coast Survey in San Francisco Bay 150 years ago. Since that day on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1854, San Francisco tide gauges have provided the longest unbroken series of tide observations in the Western Hemisphere. This new visitor center exhibit, produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will feature the original gauge and float and a 1880s-era copper printing plate used to make nautical charts. An interactive computer screen will allow visitors to explore tides, gauges, and nautical charts. Accurate tidal records are vital for safe shipping. Depending on the tide, the depth of a harbor like San Francisco Bay can vary several feet a day and more, over the course of a month.

## Visitor Information

### Dates and Hours of Operation

Hyde Street Pier, located at Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-5:00PM—last entry at 4:30PM (October 2-May 30), and 9:30AM-5:30PM—last entry at 5PM (Memorial Day-October 1). The Maritime Museum (Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building), located on Beach Street at the foot of Polk Street, is open 10:00AM-5:00PM, year-round. The Visitor Center, located at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-7:00PM (Memorial Day-October 1), and 9:30AM-5:00PM (October 2-May 30). The Maritime Library, located on the third floor of Bldg. E in Fort Mason Center (auto entrance at Buchanan Street and Marina Blvd), is open 1:00PM-8:00PM Tuesdays, 1:00PM-5:00PM Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00AM-5:00PM Saturdays.

### No-Fee Areas

Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, Aquatic Park Historic District (including the Maritime Museum) and the Maritime Library (Fort Mason Center).

### Boarding Pass (Entrance Fee For Historic Vessels): \$5.00

Free for supervised children under 17. Free with National Parks Pass or Golden Pass (Age or Access).

### Reservations/Permits

Reservations for school groups and other educational groups must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. At least one month’s notice and application for Special Use Permits is required. Filming permits are arranged on an individual basis.

### Contact Information

General Park Information: 415-447-5000  
Maritime Store: 415-775-2665  
Maritime Library: 415-561-7030

USS *Pampanito*: 415-775-1943  
Park Website: [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)  
Association Website: [www.maritime.org](http://www.maritime.org)



# Music, Tours, Living History, Theater and Classes

## MUSIC

2004 SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES  
*September through December.* For more information see article at left.

CHANTEY SING  
*Saturdays, July 3, August 7 and September 4, 8PM-MIDNIGHT. No fee. Aboard an historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required: call 415-556-6435 or email peter\_kasin@nps.gov.* Sing traditional working songs aboard a floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider!

MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS  
*Saturdays, July 17, August 21 and September 18, 2PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.* History comes alive for kids in this special program, where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun. Ages 6 and up.

A SINGING TOUR OF BALCLUTHA  
*Sundays, August 1 and September 5, NOON. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.* Walk the decks of this 1886 sailing ship to locate places where shipboard songs were sung. Optional: help turn a capstan and a bilge pump while singing along.

## PROGRAMS

NEW!  
CALIFORNIA’S COASTAL EXPLORERS  
*Saturdays, July 10, August 21, and September 4, 11AM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.* Come carve up California, maritime style. This hands-on presentation will explore the waves of greed that carved California’s coast. Bring your imagination and a sense of humor to learn about California’s maritime explorers.

NEW!  
THE FUN OF COMMUTING  
*Sundays, July 11, August 15, and September 12, Noon. Aboard Eureka at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.* Commute getting you down? Not on the ferries of yesteryear! Learn how much fun ferryboat commuting could be on this walk-ing tour of the 1890 ferry *Eureka*.

NEW!  
MOONLIGHT TOUR OF THE SHIPS AT HYDE STREET PIER  
*Saturday, September 25, 8PM-9PM. Fee: \$10. Limited to 30 people; reservations required. Call the Park Association, 415-561-6662 x33.* Experience the beauty of Hyde Street Pier under a full moon. Join a park ranger on a tour of the historic ships. Dress warmly.

SMALL CRAFT ON HYDE STREET PIER  
*Saturday, July 24; Sunday, August 22; and Sunday, September 12, 2PM. At the Small Boat shop on Hyde Street Pier. No fee.* Join a ranger for an interesting look at our small craft collection, and learn about its place in San Francisco Bay history.

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE SCHOONER C.A. THAYER  
*Sundays, August 1 and September 5, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.* Adapting to multiple careers, the *C.A. Thayer* has survived for more than a century. Learn how the restoration of this 1895 West Coast schooner will preserve not only the vessel itself, but also a variety of vanishing maritime traditions.

TOURS OF LUMBER SCHOONER C. A. THAYER  
*Tours are every second and fourth Monday, from 11AM-2PM (7/12 and 7/26; 8/9 and 8/23 and 9/13 and 9/27). No fee.*

Travel to a giant seaplane hanger at Alameda Point, Alameda, for a Ranger-led tour of the restoration of the Park’s Landmark schoo-ner *C.A. Thayer*. Watch the“deconstruction” of this 109-year-old vessel, and learn about West Coast shipbuilding techniques. For more information about the project, visit the *Thayer* Project pages at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html>. A map is available online at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html> or call the Park Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 for directions.

I.K. BRUNEL: THE MAN AND HIS SHIPS  
*Saturday, July 31, Sunday, August 15 and Sunday, September 26, 2PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee.* A fascinating look at an engineering genius, and the three vessels he designed: *Great Western*, *Great Britain* and *Great Eastern*.

EUREKA ENGINE ROOM TOUR  
*Sunday, July 18, Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, September 19, 2PM. Meet on Eureka’s gangway. Vessel admission.* Tour *Eureka*’s engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

BIRDS OF THE BAY  
*Sundays, July 25, August 29 and September 19, 9:30AM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.* See shore, migratory, citified and resident birds on this birdwalk. Bring binoculars, bird books and dress warmly.

BIRDS SURVIVE BY SHAPE AND SIZE  
*Sundays, July 11, August 1 and September 5, 9:30AM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.* Take a Bayside stroll focused on birds’ shapes, sizes and adaptations. Peek into the world of the Bay’s perfect feeding, flying and killing machines.

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR  
*Sundays, July 18, August 1 and September 5, 3PM. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Vessel admission. Tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.* Explore the major engineering spaces and learn about steam piston technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer.

LIFE IN NELSON’S NAVY  
*Saturday, July 17, Sunday, August 8 and Saturday, September 25, 3PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.* Slide show about life in the British Royal Navy at the time of Nelson, featuring period food and clothing.

SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION  
*Saturdays, July 31, August 28, and September 25, 10AM-12PM AND 1-4PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee.* Inside a replica WWII ship’s radio room, docents interpret the technology and ex-plain the vital role ship’s radio operators played. They will also send a real radiogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR’S LIFE  
*Saturdays, July 24 (Signal Flag), August 28 (Sailor’s Valentine) and September 25 (Signal Flag), 1:30-2:30PM. Meet in the Visitor Center theater. No fee.* Learn a little about life at sea, and then use your new-found knowledge to make either a signal flag necklace (7/24, 9/25), or a sailor’s valentine (8/28), to take home. For more details see the “Fun and Education for Younger Sailors” section on the back page.

## COSTUMED LIVING HISTORY

A DAY IN THE LIFE: 1901  
*Saturdays, July 10, August 14 and September 11, 10AM-4PM. Aboard the historic vessels. Vessel admission.* At the officer’s command, watch the Living History crew aboard *Balclutha* go aloft to set the topsail. They need help with other work around the ship, so look lively and lend a hand raising the staysail and turning the capstan. At 1:00pm join a salon of Victorian women for afternoon tea in the year 1901 on the Ark houseboat. Listen as they discuss issues ranging from corsetry to voting rights. At 2:00pm meet aboard the *Balclutha* for the Sailors’ Dogwatch. A dogwatch is a shortened or “docked watch,” when sailors relax, sing songs, swap stories and play card games. Join in on some songs.

## IN THE LIBRARY

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF THE CHINA MAIL  
*Saturday, September 18, 6PM. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: \$4 (\$3 Library Friends and SFMNPA) Reservations: 415-561-7040.* Robert Barde of U. C. Berkeley, winner of the 2004 Kortum Award for Maritime Scholarship, will present the history of the China Mail Steamship Company, the only Chinese-owned steamship company to operate from San Francisco in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## MODELMAKING

MODELERS’ WORKSHOP  
*July: Saturday 10, Friday 16, Saturday 17, Friday 30, Saturday 31; August: Saturday 14, Friday 20 and Saturday 21, 9:30AM-5PM. On the car deck of the Eureka. Vessel admission.* John Kowalla hosts the Modelers Workshop on the car deck of the *Eureka*. The public is invited to stop by and watch the modelers in action.

MODELERS’ CLUB  
*Saturdays, July 17, August 21 and September 18, 9:30AM. Meet in the Museum Building basement. No fee.* For information call 530-295-0752 or email [jandj@directcon.net](mailto:jandj@directcon.net)

## BOATBUILDING AND SAILING

SMALL BOAT SAILING  
*Two Saturdays and two Tuesdays, September 18, 21, 25 and 28. Saturdays 10AM-4PM, Tuesdays 6PM-dark. Fee: \$150. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or [pclark@maritime.org](mailto:pclark@maritime.org)* Learn basic small boat sailing aboard the locally designed and built San Francisco Pelican. These 12 foot prams provide a nice introduction to sailing. Learn how to tack, jibe, and sail on different points of sail.

MARITIME SKETCHBOOK  
*Saturday, September 18, 9AM-5PM. Fee: \$55. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or [pclark@maritime.org](mailto:pclark@maritime.org)* Hyde Street Pier, the harbor and lagoon of-fer an array of vessels and views that could fill an entire sketchbook! Learn how to train your eye to identify what makes each vessel type unique and its rigging distinct. Tips on rendering the complex curves and angles in each boat, and demos on quick sketch and painting techniques will be included. The class will be on the Pier and aboard the vessels (sheltered locations abound if it’s windy). Beginner to advanced welcome.

## VOLUNTEERS

HANDS NEEDED  
Interested in woodwork, rigging, library science or archives? Have we got the perfect challenge for you! Call the Volunteer Office at 415-556-1613 or visit [www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html](http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html) and join the crew!

## THEATER

MARITIME PUPPET SHOW  
*Six weekends, July 10 through August 15. Shows Saturday/Sunday at 1PM and 3PM. Hyde Street Pier. No fee.* Join Inge and her motley crew of wisecrack-ing puppets on Hyde Street Pier. Kids will learn and parents will laugh as the show sails through seafaring (and San Francisco) history.

FAMILY SHIPBOARD THEATER: “TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST”  
*Two performances daily, 6:30 and 8:30PM; Friday July 16, Saturday July 17, Friday July 30 and Saturday July 31. Tickets \$25. Walkups available, reservations suggested. Call 415-561-6662 for information.* In 1834, Richard Henry Dana dared to voy-age from staid Boston to the rough-and-ready California territory. This summer, acclaimed actor Jeffrey Paul Whitman brings that adventure back to life at Hyde Street Pier with a captivating one-man perfor-mance aboard the 1886 sailing ship *Balclu-tha*. Whitman takes Dana from greenhorn to experienced sailor, and transports the audience back to the days when all a young man needed for adventure was a steady ship and a star to steer her by.

## AGE OF SAIL

The San Francisco Maritime National Park Associations’ education program, Age of Sail, is accepting bookings for the fall 2004 school year. These programs offer hands-on, student-centered learning based on curriculum standards. Shipped aboard the park’s historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier, students develop skills in reasoning, team-work, listening and taking responsibility -- all under the watchful eyes of the ships “officers.” Instructors use role-playing and problem solving activities to teach students about the people who came before them in California. Programs range in cost from \$25 to \$60 per student and include: *Age of Sail*: an overnight program aboard the *Balclutha*; *Life on the Barbary Coast* and *Gold Rush*: four-hour day programs; *Explorers*: a three-hour program where students sail a vessel. For more information, call Patricia Clark at 415-561-6662 x 30, [pclark@maritime.org](mailto:pclark@maritime.org) or click on [www.maritime.org/nmmaedu](http://www.maritime.org/nmmaedu).



## WWII SUBMARINE USS PAMPANITO

*Open daily. At Pier 45, Fisherman’s Wharf. Fee: adults, \$7; 6-12, \$3 under 6 free with adult; over 62, \$5; active duty military, \$4; family ticket \$20. Information: 415-561-6662.* The Balao-class *USS Pampanito* (SS-38), now a museum and memorial, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.



Today In The Park

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Fun and Education for Younger Sailors At the Park Association

This is a special section of the Maritime News just for kids. Listed below are some opportunities at the park to create maritime crafts, to sing like a sailor and to become a Junior Ranger!

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS:

A SAILOR’S LIFE

Saturdays, July 24 (Signal Flag), August 28 (Sailor’s Valentine) and September 25 (Signal Flag), 1:30-2:30PM. Meet in Visitor Center theater (Hyde and Jefferson). No fee. Signal Flags

Before radio and satellite communication, when ship’s crews needed to send messages to land and to other ships, they hoisted signal flags up the masts. It was a splendid display of color and design. You can make your own colorful necklace that spells your name out of paper signal flags.

Sailors’ Valentines

It was a lonely life at sea. Sailors were separated from their families and friends back home. Before there was Valentine’s Day, sailors created cards or presents to give to their loved ones when they returned from their long voyages. Create a valentine of your own to give to someone special.

MUSIC

Music of the Sea for Kids

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Students learn the power of block-and-tackle on the Pier. Photo: NPS.

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CURRICULUM IS NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS

Are you interested in a painless way to teach your children about maritime history? Take a look at the new Voyages curriculum available

on the park website. Each of the six lessons contains a “Seaside Story.” These historically accurate fictional stories will capture the imaginations of your kids and help them walk in the sea boots of kids from the Age of Sail. Find the Voyages curriculum at [www.nps.gov/safr/local/education/education.htm](http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/education/education.htm)

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Explore the park’s historic ships up close and earn your Junior Ranger badge! By completing the activities listed

on a special worksheet you will learn about seafaring history and will become a steward of the national parks. (A steward is one who takes care of parks.) Worksheets are available at the Visitor Center, Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

FAMILY ACTIVITY DITTY BAGS

Grab a rope handle and explore the Museum on this fun group “voyage.” Navigate through the exhibits (using a real compass), write a “radiogram,” compose messages using signal flags and roleplay about life at sea with character cards. This free program is available at the museum desk.

JULY 4TH DINNER AND FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 4, 7-10PM. Hyde Street Pier. Best seats by the Bay! Join us aboard Balclutha and Eureka for a casually elegant dinner with complimentary wine and beverages, then watch the spectacular fireworks display. Proceeds benefit education and preservation programs of San Francisco Maritime National Park Association. Call 415-561-6662 x32 for reservations or e-mail [julyfourth@maritime.org](mailto:julyfourth@maritime.org) for more info.

BOOK SIGNING

Friday, August 13, 6PM. SF Maritime National Historical Park Visitor Center. No fee. Call 415-561-6662 x33 for information. Lecture and booksigning by Peter Nichols, author of “Evolution’s Captain: The Story of the Kidnapping That Led to Charles Darwin’s Voyage Aboard the Beagle.” Evidence gathered by Charles Darwin aboard the Beagle fueled his revolutionary theory of evolution.

MEMBERS’ OVERNIGHT ABOARD USS PAMPANITO

Saturday, August 21. 6-8PM. Aboard Pampanito. SFMNP members only. Pre-registration required, call 415-561-6662 x33. Come aboard for this fun-filled special behind-the-scenes VIP tour for you and your family. Learn what life was really like aboard a submarine; draw straws to sleep in Officer’s Country or in the crew bunks. Then, awaken to a real submariner’s breakfast in the galley.

